

BRAMPTON AND WALTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1918.

Gentlemen,

Births and Deaths.

During the year there were 21 deaths registered, this includes 15 deaths which occurred in the Sanatorium and includes two inward transfers. The death rate for the year is 11.4. There were 6 deaths from Influenza and pneumonia between the ages of 17 and 42 years. There were two deaths in infants under 12 months - one due to premature birth and one to bronchitis.

The births registered numbered 42 - 21 boys and 21 girls, 3 of the births were illegitimate. 126 visits were made by the nurse, who reported that the average health of the infants was good, and the domestic conditions with one or two exceptions were good.

The death-rate and birth-rate for the district compare very favourably with that for England and Wales, which is, Death-rate 17.6 Birth-rate 17.7.

Infectious Diseases.

11 cases of measles were notified - 2 cases of scarlet fever and one case of Tuberculosis. Visits were paid by the nurse to the cases in the district.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1900

Sanitation.

Climate and Diseases.

During the year there were 21 deaths registered, 10 males and 11 females. The highest number of deaths occurred in the Sanitation and Sanitation districts. The death rate for the year is 11.41. There were 6 deaths from influenza and pneumonia between the year of 17 and 21 years. There were two deaths in infancy and 15 deaths - one the 17 months birth and one to pneumonia. The entire population numbered 42 - 21 boys and 21 girls. 1 of the deaths were 11 months. 122 deaths were under 15 years of age. It is noted that the average health of the infants was good, and the mortality conditions with one or two exceptions were good. The death-rate and birth-rate for the district compare very favorably with that for England and Wales, which is, birth-rate 17.2, death-rate 14.7.

Infectious Diseases.

11 cases of measles were notified - 2 cases of scarlet fever and one case of diphtheria. Typhoid was notified in the month of the year in the district.

## Influenzá.

A short mild epidemic of Influenza occurred in July. There were no deaths and the patients soon recovered. Towards the end of October the Influenza epidemic first appeared in the district. The first cases appeared in the Holymoorside district, it rapidly spread through the district. The Walton district was affected almost simultaneously, also the Wadshelf district. The latter district however escaped lightly owing to the scattered nature of the area. The epidemic appeared in Cutthorpe area about a fortnight later. There is no doubt that the more scattered the population, the less the risk of infection, and the more congested the population the greater the risk of infection and the quicker the spread. There were 6 deaths from Influenza - 5 in adults, one in a child, aged 14 months complicating Whooping Cough. Of the 5 adult deaths - 3 deaths were in females between 17 and 33 and two in males aged 35 and 42. It will be noted that whereas children as well as adults were affected, there were no deaths due to uncomplicated Influenza in children.

The epidemic abated about the middle of December. A fact which came under my personal observation that scarcely anyone who was affected during the July epidemic was affected in the November one. Opistaxis was an extremely common symptom during the epidemic. Respiratory complications rarely supervened if the mouth and throat



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Handbills giving "Precautions to be taken for the prevention of the spread of Influenza" were distributed throughout the district. On November 5th all the Schools in the district were closed - these remained closed until the 16th November - It was necessary to again close the Cutthorpe School on the 4th December - owing to the epidemic arriving later in that part of the district, this school remained closed until the end of the year. At one school where the population is more congested 60% of the children attending contracted the disease. In another school in a scattered area only 26% were affected.

Through the courtesy of the Medical Superintendent of Penmore Isolation Hospital, I was able to procure the services of a nurse, who was of very great help in the part of the district most seriously affected.

#### Sanitary Conditions.

The scavenging of the district has not been carried out in an efficient manner. The cause has been the difficulty of obtaining labour and transport.

In the future it should be the aim of the Council to insist on Water Closets where possible and where this is impossible to insist on pail-closets. The old system of privy-middens should not be allowed anywhere. It is a disgusting, filthy and

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unhealthy arrangement. Moreover it is quite understandable the difficulty of obtaining labour to empty such places. It is unfair to any human being to expect him to undertake such a job.

We must have a regular bi-weekly or weekly routine of emptying pail-closets, and ash pits should be replaced by ash bins.

To carry out an efficient Schedule it will be necessary for the Council to have the complete use of two horses and two carts, and these to be under control of the Sanitary Inspector.

The sewage beds will require taking in hand and renovating to deal with the extra sewage which will accrue from the conversion of existing privy-middins to W.C's.

#### Housing.

Your inspector has made a complete census of the district, showing the number of houses, the number of rooms in each, and the number of occupants of each.

The total number of houses is ..... 523

" " population ..... 1954

Houses with one bedroom ..... 21

" " two bedrooms ..... 250

" " three " ..... 165

" " over 3 " ..... 127

" " no back doors ..... 151

No. of unoccupied houses ..... 18

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#### Housing.

Your inspector has made a complete count of the district, showing the number of houses, the number of rooms in each, and the number of occupants of each.

The total number of houses is .....	885
" " population .....	1364
Houses with one bedroom .....	31
" " two bedrooms .....	230
" " three " .....	163
" " over 3 " .....	127
" " no back doors .....	181
No. of unoccupied houses .....	18

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There are a few cases of overcrowding and there are a number of houses in an unsatisfactory condition. You will notice that nearly half of the houses in the district have only two bed-rooms, and 151 have no back doors. It is essential that houses with a minimum of three bed-rooms should be provided for a man with a family, and it is now the duty of the local authorities to provide such houses. Good housing conditions will tend to promote the national welfare, the improvement of the physical and moral health of the people, and domestic happiness.

#### Veneral Disease Prevention.

Under the auspices of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, a meeting was held at Old Brampton Church School on November 8th, 1918. The meeting was addressed by Miss Chancellor, Dr. R.W. Jameson, the acting M.O.H. for Chesterfield. It was arranged to have suitable literature distributed in the district and some posters were also put in.

#### Medical Inspection of School.

The Medical Inspection of Schools was carried out as usual.

#### Water Supply.

The water supply of the district was satisfactory during the year. Of the samples examined all were found to be quite satisfactory.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. A. McCrea.

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#### General Disease Prevention.

Under the auspices of the National Council for Combating Venereal  
Diseases, a meeting was held at Old Exmouth Church School on  
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Yours obedient servant,

R. A. Moore.